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Confirmation No: 8348  
Examiner: Gregory John Binda

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Ryouichi TOKIOKA et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

For: EXPANDABLE SHAFT

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December 22, 2009

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 21, 2009, the period for response to which is extended by a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: